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The Statistical Society of ULSTER originated with some members of another Society, which was founded in 1821, under the title of the Belfast Natural History Society, and which has for its objects the cultivation of the study of natural history, and the investigation of the topography of Ireland. These gentlemen, taking advantage of a recent regulation of that body, permitting sections to be formed amongst its members for the cultivation of other branches of knowledge, agreed to form one exclusively devoted to statistical research, a subject to which the attention of some of them had been directed when attending the meetings of the British Association.

The first preliminary meeting was held on the 23d November 1837. At a subsequent meeting on the 3d February 1838, 21 members attended, when it was agreed, in consequence of the importance of the proposed subjects of enquiry, to form a distinct society, to be called the "Statistical Society of Ulster," which was finally constituted on the 29th March last, at which time 67 members had been enrolled. Eleven gentlemen have since joined, and the total number at present is 78. The first meeting of the Council was held on the 10th April, at which Committees for the investigation of the following subjects were appointed:—1st, Education; 2nd, Trade between Ireland and Great Britain; 3rd, The physical and intellectual condition of the working classes; 4th, State of Agriculture; 5th, Mechanical Power employed in Belfast and the neighbourhood. The meetings of the Society are appointed to take place on the second Friday of each month.

In our next number we hope to be able to give an account of the Glasgow, Glasgow and Clydesdale, Birmingham, and Leeds Statistical Societies, together with some others, which are now in progress of formation.

PROCEEDINGS OF STATISTICAL SOCIETIES.

STATISTICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

Ordinary Meeting, Monday, February 19th, 1838. Sir CHARLES LEMON, Bart., M.P., President, in the Chair.

THE Auditors' Report of the Accounts for 1837 was read.

William Campbell Gillan, Esq., was elected a Fellow of the Society.

The printed First Report of the Education Committee "on the State of Schools in Westminster" was presented. A similar Report from the Statistical Society of Manchester, "on the Schools of the City of York," and the "First Annual Report of the Proceedings of the Statistical Society of Bristol," were laid before the meeting.

It was announced that the Society recently established at Belfast had taken the title of "The Statistical Society of Ulster," in consequence of an increased interest excited on the subject, and a contemplated extension of operations; and that the Statistical Society of Liverpool, at the suggestion of this Society, had formed a Committee to investigate the state of the Trade between Great Britain and Ireland.

It was announced that a Committee had been formed by the Council "To collect a Statistical Account of the various Strikes and Combina-

tions which have existed in different parts of the Kingdom for the purpose of altering the Rate of Wages, and of introducing new regulations between Masters and Men." In reply to a question by a member relating to the Committee's proceedings, it was stated that a paper of queries had been prepared for the purpose of eliciting the history of strikes (see p. 11), and that an account had already been received from Mr. Ashton of a turn-out which occurred in December, 1830, among the cotton-spinners of Ashton-under-Lyne and adjacent towns, which, at the request of the meeting, was read. This paper will hereafter be inserted in the Report of the Committee on Strikes.

Mr. Rawson then communicated some information from M. Quetelet, of Brussels, relating to the "Atelier de Charité at Ghent," an account of which was read at the preceding meeting.

General Anniversary Meeting, March 15. Sir CHARLES LEMON, Bart., M.P., President, in the Chair.

The Fourth Annual Report of the Council and the Report of the Auditors for 1837 was read.

A new Rule respecting arrears and withdrawal was proposed by the Council, and was ordered to be included in the Regulations of the Society.

The Council and Officers were balloted for and elected.

The Chairman stated to the meeting that the Rev. E. Wyatt Edgell, a Fellow of the Society, had volunteered to undertake, at his own expense, an enquiry into the state of the schools in a district of St. George's Parish, Hanover Square, similar to that which the Committee is prosecuting in the other parishes of Westminster.

Ordinary Meeting, Monday, March 19. Sir CHARLES LEMON, Bart., M.P., Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following Gentlemen were elected Fellows of the Society:—

William M. Brown, jun., Esq., George Knott, Esq., Major Pringle Taylor.

A paper was read "On the Origin and Progress of the Copper Mines of Cornwall," by Sir Charles Lemon, Bart., M.P. This paper will be printed in a future number of the Journal.

Ordinary Meeting, Monday, April 16. Sir CHARLES LEMON, Bart., M.P., Vice-President, in the Chair.

It was announced that the President had nominated as Vice-Presidents—

The Right Honourable Sturges Bourne, Sir Charles Lemon, Bart., M.P., Lord Viscount Sandon, M.P., Lieut. Colonel Sykes.

Seven Gentlemen were elected Fellows of the Society, namely:—

W. J. Bovill, Esq., Thomas Alcock, Esq., Joseph Marsh, Esq., George Henry Pinckard, Esq., Henry Stroud Barber, Esq., E. Gibson Atherley, Esq., John Boyle, Esq.

A paper was read "On several Strikes in the Potteries of Staffordshire," by John Boyle, Esq. (See p. 37).

A Report was then read "On the State of 176 Poor Families in Miles Platting," by James Heywood, Esq. (See p. 34).

STATISTICAL SOCIETY OF LIVERPOOL.

The First General Meeting of this Society was held on the 30th March.

The Report of the Council was laid before the meeting, and the following papers were read:—1st, "An account of the Condition of the Agricultural Classes at the Present Day as compared with what it was 60 or 70 Years ago," by John Merritt, Esq.; 2d, A paper by the Chaplain of Kirkdale Gaol, "Upon the Causes of Crime and the Effects of Prison Discipline;" and 3d, A "Report upon the Strike among the Operatives employed in the Building Trade in Liverpool during the year 1833."

STATISTICAL SOCIETY OF ULSTER.

At a meeting held at Belfast, on the 29th March, this Society was finally constituted, and the rules for its management agreed to. The First Meeting of the Council was held on the 10th of April, when several Committees for carrying on original enquiries were formed, for an account of which see p. 50. The First General Meeting of the Society will take place on the 11th May, when will be read an Introductory Address, by Captain Portlock, R.E., Vice-President, "Upon the Objects and Advantages of Statistical Enquiries."

MISCELLANEOUS.

New Poor Law Act.

Total Number of Parishes in England and Wales . . .	14,482
Population in 1831	13,897,187
Number of Parishes united under Poor Law Act on 15th December, 1837 *	13,306
Population of ditto	11,506,590
Number of Parishes not united	1,176
Population of ditto	2,390,597
Of the 1,176 Parishes not united	<div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"> <div style="font-size: 3em; vertical-align: middle; margin-right: 5px;">{</div> <div> 178 are under Gilbert's Act. 442 are under Sturges Bourne's or Local Acts. 556 are not yet united. </div> </div>

Average Expenditure, per head, in 1803. . .	s. d.
" " 1818. . .	9 2
" " 1837. . .	13 2
" " . . .	5 10

* Since the above period *Four* Unions have been formed, comprising *Forty* Parishes, with a Population in all of 90,355.